



2014 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

To: High School Art Teachers
Fr: Bob Becker, Caroline Barbee – Congressman Pittenger’s office
Re: 2013 Annual Congressional Art Competition
Dt: March 4, 2014

Deadline for All Entries is April 18, 2014. Drop off Information below.

The Art Institute of Charlotte is pleased to announce and host, with U.S. Representative Robert Pittenger, the 2014 Congressional Art Competition. This competition encompasses the Ninth Congressional District of North Carolina and is an excellent opportunity to showcase the talent of this area’s high school constituents and to acknowledge our nation’s gifted young artists.

The following pages outline the rules and dimensions for the artwork and include entry and release forms. Please follow the directions carefully.

This year, five finalists will be selected through a Facebook competition hosted on Congressman Pittenger’s Facebook page. The competition will begin at **12:01am on April 18, 2014** and remain open until **midnight on April 25, 2014**. The five students whose pieces of art receive the most “likes” will become our finalists. Additionally, a sixth finalist will be chosen as a “Wild Card” by a representative from the Art Institute of Charlotte.

Finalists will be given the honor of having their artwork hung in the Congressman’s District Offices. The First-Place winner will be chosen from those finalists by Congressman Pittenger and his staff. The First-Place winner will have his/her artwork hung in Washington, DC, representing North Carolina’s Ninth District.

A reception with Congressman Pittenger will be held on **May 2, 2014 from 4:00-6:30pm at the Art Institute of Charlotte** to honor the participants and announce the winners of the 2014 Congressional Art Competition. All participants and their families are welcome to attend.

We would love to have a great showing from your school! We have high school students from Iredell, Mecklenburg, and Union counties competing, and we highly encourage you and your students to participate.

ARTWORK DROP-OFF

If possible, please provide our office with a high resolution digital photo of the artwork for the Facebook competition. Digital photos can be submitted to our office, accompanying the artwork, or emailed to NC09.photos@mail.house.gov. Please include the student's name and artwork title in the email.

Artwork may be dropped off at either of Congressman Pittenger's District Offices during business hours, between **Tuesday, April 1, 2014 and Thursday, April 17, 2014**.

Mecklenburg County

8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday - Friday

Address: 2701 Coltsgate Road, Suite 105 Charlotte, NC 28211

Phone: 704-362-1060

Iredell County*

8:30am – 5:30pm, Monday - Friday

Address: 116 Morlake Drive, Suite 101A Mooresville, NC 28117

Phone: (704) 696-8190

*Please call ahead before dropping off artwork

2014 ART COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Teacher Responsibility

- Each entry form should be checked and signed by the teacher for student eligibility and originality. This should be mounted on the back center of the work.
- Please help drop-off and pick up artwork.
- When the artwork is delivered to each site, please submit an inventory sheet and identification labels with the work.

Finances

- This competition is carried out at no expense to the Federal Government. All expenses are provided locally in the community.

Judging and Awards

- All artwork will be hung at the Art Institute of Charlotte.
- A Facebook Competition will be held beginning at 12:01am on Friday, April 18, 2014 and ending at midnight on April 25, 2014. Once the competition is closed, the five students with the most “likes” will be named our finalists. One additional “Wild Card” finalist will be chosen by a representative from the Art Institute of Charlotte.
- The First-Place winner will be chosen from those six finalists by Congressman Pittenger and his staff.
- Awards will be presented by U.S. Representative Robert Pittenger at a reception organized by the Art Institute of Charlotte to be held at 4:00pm on Friday, May 2, 2014.
- Awards:
 - 1st place will receive the Congressional Art Award.
 - The winning entry will be sent to hang in the Capitol Building in Washington, DC for one year. After this period, it will be returned to the student. Art, if not already framed, will need framing by the student before it is sent.
 - The recipient and a guest will be flown to Washington DC to attend the national reception and to view their artwork in the Capitol.
 - Scholarship offer to the Savannah College of Art and Design.
 - 1st and 2nd place will receive complimentary admission into the Summer Studio program at the Art Institute of Charlotte. Summer Studio is five days of creative workshops that put high school students in a hands-on, collaborative environment under the artistic and technical guidance of industry-savvy instructors. The Summer Studio program helps talented art students test-drive an arts-oriented/creative education.
 - All finalists will have their artwork hung in the Congressman’s District Offices.